

# ARMAGEDDON

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## \*\*\*THE SOCIALIST MENTALITY\*\*\*

Louis F. Curtiss writes:

Gentlemen:

To date the rule in this game has been postmark. ((In reference to the deadlines in ARMA-1.)) Check with von Metzke on that count. Either I get my moves or I put you all on every subversive list I can find, and I know a lot of them and belong to most, and you can shove your game up your rosy-red anal orifice.

A Reply: Thank you. Unfortunately a check of our records indicates that Mr. Curtiss missed the Spring 1903 deadline by one day even if it had been a postmark deadline.

Charles Turner.

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### ARMA-1

In the Summer of 1903, the German A Kiel retreated to Denmark.

### Fall 1903 Manoeuvres:

SOCIALIST PREMIER "RED LOUIS" CREATES HAVOC IN FR. WAR MINISTRY!  
AUSTRIA AND ENGLAND GROW FAT...ITALIAN FLEET SEIZES BREST!

AUSTRIA (Reinsel): A Sevastopol holds; A Rumania-Budapest;  
A Vienna-Budapest; A Budapest-Serbia; F Trieste-Venice;  
A Rome (S) F Trieste-Venice.

ENGLAND (Dygert): A St. Petersburg-Moscow; F Holland-Belgium;  
F North Sea (S) F Holland-Belgium; F Norway (S) GERMAN  
F Finland-Sweden.

FRANCE (Curtiss): NO ORDERS RECEIVED. A Burgundy, A Gascony,  
F Marseilles, A Paris, and A Spain all stand. The  
French F Belgium is dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (C. Johnson): F Finland-Sweden; A Denmark-Kiel;  
A Munich (S) A Denmark-Kiel.

ITALY (Tzudiker): A Berlin (S) A Kiel; A Kiel (S) A Berlin;  
A Venice-Trieste; F Ionian-Naples; F Mid Atlantic-Brest.

RUSSIA (von Metzke): A Warsaw-Prussia; F Sweden-Denmark;  
A Galicia-Silesia.

TURKEY (Brannan): A Armenia-Sevastopol; A Bulgaria-Rumania;  
F Greece-Albania; A Constantinople-Greece; F Aegean Sea (C)  
A Constantinople-Greece.

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ARMA-1 continued:

All right. The Fr. F Belgium was unordered and was therefore annihilated when it was dislodged. The Russian F Sweden and the Italian A Venice are both dislodged. The direction of these retreats are to be submitted along with the build and removal orders for Winter 1903. The builds and removals may be made conditional upon the directions of the retreats.

The Dirty, War-mongering, Imperialistic Powers now control the following supply centers:

AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Tr, Rome, Ven, Rum, Sev, Serb. (8) Builds 2.  
ENGLAND: Lon, Edin, Liv, Nor, St. Pet., Mos, Bel. (7) Builds 3.  
FRANCE: Par, Mar, Sp, Port. (4) Must remove 1.  
GERMANY: Hol, Mun, Den, Swe. (4) Could build one, if room.  
ITALY: Nap, Tun, Ber, Kiel, Br. (5) No build.  
RUSSIA: Warsaw. (1) Must remove 2.  
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gr. (5) No build.

The deadline for Winter 1903 Moves is 10 NOVEMBER, 1966  
c/o Charles Turner, 843 Santa Fe, Albany, California 94706.  
This is a one-week deadline. The results of the Winter retreats, builds, and removals will be mailed to all participants as soon as received. The Spring 1904 moves will then be due in the hands of the gamemaster by 17 NOVEMBER 1966. Note.

Press Releases:

TRIESTE: A state of war exists between Italy and Austria.  
It came about when Italy went through Tyrolia!

VENICE: Unofficial sources here report that there has been a mass exodus of Italian women from the city. The exodus began when news reached the city that Austrian troops were about to reoccupy the city.

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A LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER--DER EUROPÄISCHER KONZERTMAISTER  
((For which I take no responsibility--cmt))

#### How To End Vietnam

A while back in this wicked world of ours, I heard a gasp of supreme sanity from the chambers of the US Senate (that's right, the US Senate).

Senator George Aiken of Vermont produced what the New York Times called "an ingenious plan to end the war in Vietnam."

The US, suggested the Senator, should simply declare itself the victor in the combat, and that the war is therefore over. And presumably every one comes back for victory parades.

I go for this Aiken plan. Here is a marvelous chance to put the strange techniques of public relations and image making to some socially useful purpose.

We are in a pretty hopeless position in Vietnam, given our commitment to a limited war. Unless we use the Big Fire Cracker, it appears North Vietnam can continue to carry on the thing for years.

We are now working on what is called the civil side of the war, inflicting great punishment on the Viet Cong, while trying through the Manila Conference and other means to get the South Vietnamese off their butts to do the job of pacification of their own people which had to be done.

It has been duly noted that the man charged with the spending of these funds (money spent on war for last seven years), Mr. R. Strange McNamara was nowhere to be found during the high diplomatic doings in Manila. This despite the fact he knows more about the war than anyone.

There is a considerable body of military opinion which holds that we have already won our limited action, and there is really no place to go in the warfare sense.

It requires nothing more than a decision at the top, by LBJ himself, to go along with this datum, and set it to grinding the propaganda mills of the Pentagon.

The word would be, massively, "We've won the war." Mr. McNamara would have little conferences with the right kind of reporters and mass media sages in general.

McNamara would have a long chat with US News & World Report. The Alsops and Roscoe Drummonds would be put in the picture. The heads of the Telly Networks would be brought to a White House dinner.

This is the traditional American Way to broadcast a massive lie. It probably works better with a lie than with a truth, since the really professional propagandist feels his hands are tied when he is told to broadcast a verity.

But there is no reason why it shouldn't work if the truth, or very close to the truth, is at stake. And the truth is we have won the war, in a military sense.

Why not say so? Why not employ every trick in our capacious bag to announce that our business in Vietnam is at an end, and leave the South Vietnamese in the South to pacify themselves without our help.

/s/ J.J. Dygert

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ARMA-2

Fall 1901

Dreikaiserbund in Evidence. Italy Blackmails Central Powers for a Triple Alliance. Dutch Partisans Route Invaders!

AUSTRIA (von Metzke): A Serbia-Greece; A Budapest-Serbia;  
F Albania (S) A Serbia-Greece.

ENGLAND (Powlesland & Maddux): F Norwegian Sea-Norway;  
F North Sea (C) A Yorkshire-Holland; A Yorkshire-Holland.

FRANCE (Nelson): A Picardy-Belgium; A Marseilles-Burgundy;  
F Mid Atlantic-Spain (n.c.).

GERMANY (Celestre): F Denmark-North Sea (((Fails miserably--jjd)));  
A Kiel-Holland; A Munich-Ruhr.

ITALY (Brannan): A Trieste-Tyrolia; F Ionian (C) A Apulia-Tunis;  
A Apulia-Tunis.

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ARMA-2 continued:

RUSSIA (C. Johnson): A St. Petersburg-Finland; F Gulf of Bothnia-Sweden; A Ukraina (S) F Sevastopol-Rumania; F Sevastopol-Rumania.

TURKEY (Alexander): F Ankara-Black Sea;  
A Bulgaria-Rumania; A Constantinople-Ankara.

The contestants for ARMA's Sgt. Bilko Award now control the following supply centers:

AUSTRIA: Bud, Tr, Vie, Gr, Serb. (5) May levy two armies.  
ENGLAND: Liv, Lon, Edin, Nor. (4) May launch one fleet.  
FRANCE: Par, Mar, Br, Sp, Bel. (5) May conscript two armies.  
GERMANY: Ber, Mun, Kiel, Den. (4) May mobilize one army.  
ITALY: Ven, Rome, Nap, Tun. (4) May get ready to misuse one fleet.  
RUSSIA: St. Pet, War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Swe. (6) Two hordes possible.  
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul. (4) May lay one egg.  
FREE INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATES: Holland, Portugal.

The deadline for Winter 1901 Builds is 10 NOVEMBER 1966  
c/o J.J. Dygert, 2090 Blackwood Dr., Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596.  
The Spring 1902 moves are due 17 November 1966. Please note those short deadlines. The gamemaster will notify all participants of the builds as soon as received.

Note from cmt to jjd: O European Concertmaster, do you detect much harmony in those moves???

Press Releases:

BORKENSTEIN CASTLE: A new cold wave has been reported rolling across Western Europe, the center of which is somewhere near Hamburg.

As was obtained from German sources in Paris, the French war monger is expanding his influence into the Hapsburg Empire. As protector of the faith, N. Van Rijn announces that his company will expand West. (((Naughty boy, the Russians will get you.)))

LONDON: Both Prime Minister Maddux and Foreign Secretary Powlesland appeared before Parliament today, to answer questions regarding the present crisis precipitated by a German invasion of France. During the course of the discussion, Powlesland was called upon to explain reports being circulated by Berlin, that Britain had some connection with the attack--in particular, with a so-called Anglo-German London Pact. Powlesland stated that such a pact has never existed, nor was even proposed by either party mentioned. He stated that the only explanation was that "somehow transmission across the Channel had been garbled--that in fact, it may have been a "German-Russian Moscow Pact" which had been named." Maddux noted in a later statement, that an expeditionary force had been sent to Holland, in hopes of protecting that country from the war which threatens on the continent. He stated that "we shall continue to press for world peace, especially in this new crisis. We shall not involve ourselves militarily unless provoked.

GREENWICH: Scientists reported today that the cold weather was not, as originally reported, due to the freezing over of Hell, but to a strong blast of Russian frost moving northward from the central plains.

NAPLES: The "Great Brannan"--a super dreadnaught--was christened today with a bottle of Coca-Cola. Desending from his Olympian Heights, the European Concertmaster commented, "It'll be lucky if it gets through the Straits of Messina."

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#### LETTERS ABOUT THE "GILLILAND" QUESTION:

James Latimer writes:

Agree completely with your analysis of the "Gilliland" Question.

Rod Walker writes:

Just received ARMAGEDDONIA #3. I cannot agree with you more (re: your editorial). Attacking one's own unit with support is a well-known and normally accepted dodge to avoid the consequences of the rule that one may not support one's own unit, when it is ordered to move, in case it is stood off. I have used this device myself and have also ruled it legal in games which I have Gamesmastered. In the example you used, the English unit in Denmark should have stood. I agree with you that arguing that the attack was conditional is, at best, begging the question. Of course, one expects that Gamesmasters will differ in their interpretations, and I am willing to put up with any number of strange and unusual rulings. However, I think there are times which strangeness gives way to asininity. There is absolutely nothing in the Rules which supports a ruling in favor of Russia in the situation you outlined--and there is much to support the position that the English in Denmark should stand. If the two rules (1) that a player may not force his unit to retreat and (2) that equal force stands off equal force, then the interpretation of the situation is clear. Further, to rule otherwise is highly unrealistic, since it allows an inferior force to defeat a superior one, contrary to the express statement in the Rules regarding the role of superior force.

#### ...AND LETTERS ABOUT THAT LITTLE ARTICLE ON CUTTING SUPORT:

James Latimer writes:

Here's what I think on that problem in ARMAGEDDONIA:  
F West Med-Tyrrhenian; Standoff in West Med and F Tyrrhenian must retreat.

Charles Reinsel writes:

Re:

Fr: F W Med-Tyr; F Tun (S) F W Med-Tyr; F Mid At-W Med.  
It: F Tyr (S) F Gulf Lyon-W Med; F Gulf Lyon-W Med.  
The Italian F Tyrrhenian Sea must retreat.

Except as underlined and noted above, the moves succeed!  
Suggest you read the rules again! OK? HA!

Rod Walker writes:

...((Walker would rule the same as Reinsel)) That is, all moves succeed except the French move to the WMed. I think the interpretation

of this situation depends upon the phrase "turns to face its attacker" in the rules. That supposes that a unit, giving support in one direction, is attacked from another direction. But this is not the case. The attack comes from precisely the same province into which support is given. Therefore, the support is not cut, because the supporting unit is already engaged on that front. Therefore it does not need to "turn to face its attacker." ((Precisely. This was the point I was trying to get across in the first example--which I incidently botched up. I intended to have the Italian F Tyr attack Tunis and France to move: F WMED-Tyr; F Tun (S) F WMed-Tyr.)) Therefore, even while the Italian F TyrS is being defeated, it can support a move from GLyon to the WMed. Further, the Rules are also explicit: "If a unit ordered to support in a given province is attacked from a different province..." The emphasis is as in the original. Therefore, since the attack in this case did not come from a different province, it cannot be cut. The Italian move F GLyon-WMed therefore must succeed.

John A. McCallum writes:

Neither of the supports moves is cut. Tunis isn't attacked, so that support move is, of course, good. The Tyrrhenian is attacked from the space to which it is supporting and so the support is not cut. (The rulebook's "A unit ordered to support in a given province is attacked from a different province" has to be read as in or into. This rather slovenly use of in to mean into or in appears in several places in the book.) Here the province isn't different and so this support also is good. ((Then McCallum goes on to argue in essentially the same manner as Walker. Can't print the rest, as we're running out of master.))

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Please let us know about any corrections in the addresses.

Also let us know if you haven't received the map.

Deadline is 30 NOVEMBER 1966. Get your moves in to JJ Dygert, 2090 Blackwood, Walnut Creek, Calif. by that date.

((I am pooped. Big issue. Just took two midterms. cmt))

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